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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and High School Principals
Please also forward to high school guidance counselors, AP coordinators, and curriculum directors.

FROM: Sarah Fronczek, AP Coordinator, Indiana Department of Education

DATE: May 1, 2009

SUBJECT: AP state funding for science and mathematics exams, grades 11 and 12

As many of you learned from the Thursday morning news media, the Indiana General Assembly did not reach an agreement on the state budget by midnight April 29, and a special session will now be called by the Governor. Since one of the items included in the budget is the funding for AP math and science exams for 11th and 12th grade students, the definitive answer we hoped to have for you by now from the legislature is not possible.

Nevertheless, Lance Rhodes, our Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Education, wants you to know of our commitment to the importance of continuing participation in this year's testing beginning on May 4 by all students registered for the AP examinations. **The Indiana Department of Education is committed to reimbursement for the tests specified:**

AP Biology, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics B, AP Physics C, AP Statistics.

The importance of the Advanced Placement program is evidenced by its position in the Indiana Department of Education Action Plan as one of three key elements in the first goal to, "Create and promote a statewide culture of academic excellence..."
(<http://www.doe.in.gov/actionplan/>)

We support the Advanced Placement programs in our schools as essential to academic excellence and achievement, and we wish our students success as they begin the 2009 AP testing next week.